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Dear Commissioners:

Life in a rural town has many benefits: my next door neighbors are like family, the local grocer knows my name, and the streets are quiet enough for children to play in. But, when it comes to broadband coverage I cannot say I am afforded the same luxuries as others. Living in a rural area often means spotty service, wireless 'dead zones,' and low quality internet. As a country that relies on technology for innovation, economic growth, and communication, it is greatly important to me that the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile be supported.

When I think about the many possibilities for citizens of my town as a result of this merger I immediately think about the student at the local community college who could access new research or listen to newscasts online in real-time. Expanding next-generation wireless access would also expand business opportunities for the citizens of my town. We are a hard working group who are always looking for new opportunities to support and also improve economic growth. Improving broadband access and the wireless network would help enhance the speed and quality of mobile devices such as cell phones and laptops that business people use frequently. Supporting this merger means supporting economic development.

AT&T has also promised to invest over \$8 billion of additional capital into the economy if this transaction is approved. This type of investment is desperately needed as both our government and economy continue to struggle. While recovery is within sight, this merger is the perfect opportunity for a private organization to support the economic needs of the American people. The direct job creation opportunities in the wireless industry and the indirect opportunities in different sectors is another positive ramification that I personally look forward to and support.

Please take the economic and educational needs of rural Americans into consideration when considering this merger. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Mayor Rusty Moody, City of Eunice LA

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